

Living in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area, constant traffic updates are required just to get to my son's soccer practices or other family events. I used to always check TrafficLand.com, but that's only when I'm leaving. While I'm on the road, I can't quite access the internet, therefore, I rely heavily on XM Traffic - Washington, D.C Metro area channel. It's very detailed and even provides alerts. It's extremely up-to-the minute with it's updates. The only next best thing would be to purchase a police scanner ! The other service is WTOP 107.7 FM "Traffic and Weather On the 8's". The issue with 107.7 is that it's not accurate, and not updated. I've sat in many traffic jams to never even hear it mentioned on 107.7! Get the facts from NAB. I've noticed from switching around FM & AM to find a decent traffic report, there appears to be only two agencies that are offering traffic. Here's something NAB won't tell you. I've worked in radio before. The weather services use the same person on the stations they have contracts with, but that person will use a different name on different stations. Not only that, but they don't even bother to update the reports between stations. Here's something else, they are using police scanners, and TrafficLand.com for their information AND still can't provide up to the minute reports.

So I now have a choice. I don't like that type of service and now have a chance to use a different service. I ask you to allow us to keep our choice in the service we want and allow XM to continue to offer it's service of local Traffic & Weather and any other local targeted services it can offer.